GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:662
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005
POPULATION OF BLACK BUCKS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the population of black bucks in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the black buck population has been diminishing;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for their protection ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAJN MEENA)

(a) As per the information available, the population of black bucks in the States having important habitat for the species is given at Annexure-I.

(b) No Sir, there are no reports on diminishing of black buck population in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Black buck is listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, thereby affording highest degree of protection to the species. Regular patrolling is being done by the States in the protected areas and other areas where blackbucks are found to ensure adequate protection.Awareness is being generated among the local` communities for conservation of this species.

ANNEXURE-1

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 662 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2005 REGARDING POPULATION OFBLACKBUCKS POPULATION IN MAJOR BLACK BUCK BEARING STATES

S. No.	NAME OF STATE	POPULATION
1.	Rajasthan	22,036
2.	Andhra Pradesh	10,000
3.	Gujarat	25,025
4.	Haryana	3,400
5.	Karnataka	12,000
6.	Maharashtra	9,742
7	Uttar Pradesh	2,700

Based on reports received from States